

COUNTY PAID OUT \$25,000

Claims Against All Townships Aggregated \$25,000.11; Against the County \$15,785.92. — Nine Hundred Warrants.

When one contemplates that to discharge the obligations of Bryan County for one month requires the sum of \$25,000, necessitates the writing of nine hundred separate warrants, each of which has to be registered, signed, and the seal affixed, he can appreciate what a big task it is to be county clerk of this county.

Not only did the paying of current bills call for nine hundred separate warrants, but for each warrant there is a stub, which must bear detailed information as to the disbursement, and on both the stub and warrant must appear the amount of money estimated for that particular fund, the warrants drawn to date, and balance to credit of the fund. Deputies John Finney and Polk Smith were a week and two days writing the warrants and delivering them to whom they belonged.

Total bills paid by the county this month aggregated the sum of \$25,000.11, representing claims against the county, and the remainder of \$9,335.51 were claims against the various townships, which were distributed as follows: Spears Township, \$842.28; Brown Township, \$663.34; Callera Township, \$1,368.97; Colbert Township, \$2,391.22; Kemp Township, \$492.46; No. 7 Township, \$345.10; Albany Township, \$1,330.84; Bennington Township, \$374.79; Bennington Road Bonds, \$538.50; Matoy Township, \$547.03; Bokchito Township, \$321.68; Caddo Township, \$119.79.

LOTS OF COTTON USED

Washington, August 17.—The following government report in regard to the cotton situation was issued today:

The amount of cotton consumed in the country during July this year was 498,983 bales, exclusive of linters, against 496,346 bales during the same period last year.

276,032 bales were consumed in the cotton growing States in the same period, against 264,405 bales last year.

The linters consumed were 61,499, against 48,360 last year.

The cotton held in consuming establishments on July 31, was 1,632,456, against 1,090,914 at the same time last year.

The imports, including linters, was 492,831, against 247,477 last year.

The number of spindles active in July was 32,267,902, against 31,207,965 last year.

MANY WARRANTS ISSUED

As a result of the court of inquiry held at Bennington this week many warrants were issued charging violation of the prohibition law and also of the gaming law. In view of the fact that very few of the persons charged with these offenses have been apprehended, the reason for not printing their names is obvious.

BRIEF CAREER OF HORSE THIEF

Moore Made One Borrow, Sale, Then Arrested. — Started With One Horse and Buggy.

As a horse thief, lender and all-around juggler of other people's livestock, one Earnest Moore takes the cake without a doubt. Before Judge Hatcher Tuesday Moore entered a plea of guilty to one count and was sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary.

Moore had, so the News is informed, borrowed a horse and buggy from Ira Washington, living near here, and had met up with Mack Needham north of town. He had rightful possession of the Washington horse and rig all right, and when he saw Needham's horse and saddle, he proposed that Needham take the horse and buggy and loan him his horse and saddle to come back to town. Needham consented all right, and the temporary swap was made. Moore came to town and either forgot that the horse and saddle didn't belong to him, or, as he expresses it himself, went temporarily crazy, for while here he made a trade with Bill Mason, in which Bill took the horse he had ridden into town and he took Bill's horse and \$2.50 to boot. He took the Mason horse, put the Needham saddle on him and went to Achille, where he was endeavoring to sell his latest acquisition in horseflesh when apprehended by the officers.

As it turned out, every interested party has received back his rightful property, and young Moore received something he didn't anticipate—a five-year sentence. Moore is a stranger in these parts, and doesn't look like a thief, only a young man who has departed from his raising.

ARRESTED FOR STEALING HORSE

A young man by the name of Robert Pierson was arrested yesterday morning for stealing a piece of horse from the yard of Dial Currin. Before Justice Shannon he pleaded guilty and was fined ten dollars and costs, which he was unable to pay, and which he will probably serve out on the road gang.

CONFERENCE DEFERRED

Reports from Mexico City say that General Aguilar has authorized the statement that Louis D. Brandies' refusal to serve on the joint commission to consider the differences between Mexico and the United States would defer the meeting indefinitely.

REPAIR ROAD AT ARMSTRONG

Z. J. Morehead was in from Armstrong Tuesday taking up a collection to be used in repairing a mile of road between Armstrong and the picnic grounds on Blue River. Sufficient money was raised here in a short time to insure that the work will be done.

Mr. S. L. Jackson and daughter, Mrs. Lynn Click, have returned from Whitesboro, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. W. E. Jackson.

HIGH FINANCE IN BOOZE BIZ.

W. H. Huff Said to Have Victimized a Number of People on Sales of Whisky for Future Delivery.—Is Now Laying Out Fine.

Details of another adventure in high finance came out in the wash of Justice Shannon's court this week when one W. H. Huff was fined \$58.05, including costs for petit larceny on a default of the payment of the fine he is now a member of the county road gang, where he will pay the fine and costs at the rate of one dollar per day.

It seems that several months ago Huff drifted into this country, and after buttonholing various and sundry persons with a line of con about what whisky was good and what was bad, took several orders for a certain well reputed brand to be delivered later, and for which he collected in advance, the orders running in some instances to as high as five gallons for one party. Huff didn't show up, and finally a warrant was issued charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses. The other day he happened in Caddo, and Deputy Sheriff Boydston nabbed him and reported the catch to the sheriff. In justice court he pleaded guilty, after the charge had been reduced to petit larceny.

TELLS OF TRIP ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

Albert Blundell of Liverpool, England, in Durant Sunday En Route From That City to Dallas.

Albert Blundell of Liverpool, England, who worked for Hynds & Company here two seasons, was here Saturday and Sunday for a brief visit with friends while en route from Liverpool to Dallas, where he is associated with the cotton firm of E. J. Goldman & Co.

The boat on which he took passage was the Cunard liner Odjuna, or, rather, a liner chartered by that company, its own large fast boats having been requisitioned by the British government for transports. They were eight and a half days coming from Liverpool to New York, and when about nine hundred miles out of port were caught in a most terrific storm, one of the worst, Mr. Blundell says, that he ever saw. The massive boat was rocked and tossed as if she were but a chip on a mill pond, and a panic among the passengers was narrowly averted.

Coming out of Liverpool, the boat was escorted by two destroyers to protect against the cordon of German subs which lay around all English ports waiting for victims. No submarine danger was encountered on the trip, which, save for the storm, was uneventful.

Britain's conscription orders caught Mr. Blundell among the first, but he was able to escape, owing to a slight physical defect, and the further facts that he has a large family to support and is in the cotton business, as he represented that if he were so engaged in the United States he could better help his country than by enlisting in the ranks. However, second and third conscription examinations would not have passed him up, probably as physical defects that cause one's rejection early in a campaign would not later be counted. His passport, signed by Sir Edward Gray in person, bears his detailed description, signature which he must duplicate when required, and his photograph.

Asked about the British opinion as to when the war would end, he says British war experts contemplate the close of the war in late October or early November. He says that on the river Clyde on the east coast of England, battleship building operations are going on of such gigantic proportions as never before seen in the world. The British government and people are determined, he says, to win this war at any cost, and are determined not to stop until what they term "German Militarism" has been utterly crushed.

He says that the English people are incensed at the Japanese, who have really butted into the war on the side of the Allies in the hope of gain for themselves, and whose support in this war was not asked by the Allies. It is commonly believed that the next great war will have Japan on one side and the British believe the United States on the other.

Mr. Blundell lays all retail business not directly concerned with war munitions is very dull, and that while in peace times he had steady employment in the cotton business, he has the past year and a half worked only a few months.

ANOTHER OIL OUT

Crude oil suffered another cut on Thursday. The Magnolia Petroleum Company has voted a price of 10 cents for Heddington crude.

FRISCO SEED TRAIN COMING

Will Make Durant the 28th and Remain for Four Hours.—Public Is Invited to Attend the Lectures to be Given.

The Frisco will run what they call a "Better Seed Train" through Oklahoma this month, the itinerary including Durant. This train will arrive here on Monday the 28th at 10 o'clock and for four hours experts will give lectures and practical demonstrations along the lines of better seed.

It is known to every agriculturalist that better seeds make better crops, and this fact will be demonstrated plainly when the train comes to Durant. In charge of the train will be I. O. Schaub, superintendent of the Frisco farm demonstration work, and N. T. McAlister, farm demonstrator for this district.

Experience has shown that yields of corn, cotton and other crops may be greatly increased by proper soil selection. Specimens of good and poor types of various crops will be on exhibition; also crop diseases, seed testers, etc. Special attention will be given to forage crops.

Judge Chas. C. Parker left Monday night for Fort Smith on a business mission.

RESCUED FROM DROWNING

Lon Wallace Saved Two Girls Who Got Into Deep Water While Bathing in Blue River Last Sunday Afternoon.

Last Sunday Misses Edith Reed and Lon came near losing their lives while bathing in Blue River in company with a party of young folks. Only the prompt action of Lon T. Wallace of this city saved the lives of the girls, as is attested by several witnesses to the near-tragedy.

The girls had been riding a raft towed by one of the boys, when on reaching deep water the raft capsized and the young women, unable to swim, were struggling in an attempt to keep their heads above water. Mr. Wallace, who was a short distance, saw the plight the girls were in, and reached Miss Gdover first, quickly getting her to safety. He then turned his attention to Miss Reed, who was about exhausted and was out of sight when he reached the spot where she was last seen. In her excitement, Miss Reed had grabbed a young boy, and both were found at the bottom by Mr. Wallace, who brought them safely to shallow water. The boy was badly strangled but revived in a few minutes, and the young lady came to herself quickly.

Mr. Wallace is a local celebrity in an athletic way, being both a boxer and a wrestler, and only his great strength enabled him to accomplish the rescue of all three of the young people.

CARRANZA PERSECUTES AMERICANS

The Carranza government, according to the de facto officials at Juarez, will annul the concessions held by Americans for the projected railway from Salina Cruz to Acapulco. The reason for this was explained as being that the conditions in regard to the contract were onerous, prejudicial, and made with Huerta. It was announced that preparations are under way to confiscate American mining property on which all the back taxes and an addition of probably 25 per cent is not paid by September 1 under a pronouncement by Carranza of recent date.

FISH HATCHERY WORK HAS COMMENCED

State Game Warden J. A. Cheno worth, W. T. Howell, construction man, and Mr. Westover, civil engineer, have arrived in the city, and begun preliminary work of constructing the State fish hatchery just north of the pumping station at Armstrong. This will be the second fish hatchery to be established by the State of Oklahoma, the other being at Lawton. A government man will arrive here within the next few days to assist in the work. This is the point where the citizens of Durant and Caddo will establish a country club, and work on the project will start within the near future.

Miss Myrtle Rushing, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Rushing, entertained Monday night with a house party, at which a large number of young people were present. After midnight at the home of the hostess the young folks went to the Elk Club and enjoyed a dance.

The Union News Company of St. Louis is installing a news and cigar stand at the new union depot. J. Fox of St. Louis is here looking after the preparations.

DURANT MAY BE WITHOUT LIGHT

No Estimate for that Purpose, and Law Suits Tie Up Fund Which the Council Had Planned to Use for Street Lighting.

Durant faces the probability of having to do without street lights for the ensuing year, due to a combination of circumstances, and with no particular blame attaching to anyone.

When the Council made up the estimate for expenses for operating the city for the ensuing year, they omitted to make an estimate for street lighting. The reason for this was the fact that the city had sold to the Durant Ice and Light Company the old city plant, receiving some thirteen thousand dollars in money, the remaining balance of five thousand and odd dollars to be taken by the city in electric current from the purchaser. That was all right for the time being, but the estimate was no longer approved and published and the levy made, when it was found that a couple of law suits which had been filed in the district court could tie up the money and the entire contract until the case as heard on its merits, and that will probably not be until October or later. One case seeks to compel the mayor to call a special election to vote on this light contract. The other seeks to undo the entire contract, and place the worthless light plant outfit back in the city's hands.

Legal advice obtained by the Council before the trade was made indicated that the Council was acting as the law directs and permits in the making of the contract.

PREMIUM LIST FOR COUNTY FAIR IS OVER \$2,000

The total amount of premium and prizes that will be given at the Sixth Annual Bryan County Fair at Durant September 14, 15 and 16, is around \$2,500, and is by far the largest ever given at a fair in this county.

Premiums are offered for nearly every article grown in this section, there being handsome premiums in all the departments, agriculture, cattle, racing, swine, goats, sheep and poultry, horses and mules, and a large number of others. Neither have the ladies been overlooked, for there are good premiums in their several departments, including the canning, cooking, sewing, and other departments.

And a good thing about the Fair this year is that everyone can rest assured that if they win premiums they will be paid in cash. The Fair Association has on deposit in a Durant bank \$2,550.00 as a guarantee that all premiums will be paid in cash.

The premium list has been printed and is now being distributed. If you haven't received your copy write to the secretary A. B. Davis, Durant, and he will mail you a copy at once. Just drop him a postal; he will do the rest.

And when you see the premiums, start to getting something ready to exhibit, and then take the exhibit and the whole family to the Fair for the three days.

CADDO CARNIVAL IN FULL BLAST

Miss Ida Freney Voted Queen of the Carnival — Large Crowds Are in Attendance, and Hundreds are on Hand From This City.

Caddo, Okla., Aug. 17. (To the Durant News)—Caddo's Annual Corn Carnival starts today bigger and better than ever before.

The exhibits are in place; the halls and grounds are nicely decorated; the roundabout to the ground scraped and sprinkled; the concession men are here; entries sufficient to insure the success of the many contests have been made, and the big parade is about ready. Many floats, buggies, wagons and autos have been entered for the prizes on decorations.

One of the great features of the Carnival will be the exhibits and actual work of the Boys and Girls clubs; they will have a float in the parade, the girls all dressed in their uniforms, and at the exhibit hall they will give actual demonstrations each day of what they have learned under Mrs. Fash. It will be an inspiring feature, and will give the youngsters to understand that they play an important part in the progress of the world.

Last Saturday night the Queen's contest closed with the election of Miss Ida Freney as Queen, she receiving 24,545 votes. She is the daughter of Judge R. C. Freney, who was county commissioner from this district the first five years of Statehood; is a lovely and charming young woman, popular with everyone who knows her. In her train will be a number of popular and handsome young ladies who will grace the occasion. The Queen's float, now complete, is a marvel of beauty and a poem of construction. It was designed by H. T. Styron, who has in charge the decorations of the Carnival, and who is an artist of no mean ability.

Here in Durant arrangements were made Wednesday whereby 80 Durant automobiles would attend the Carnival the first day, and perhaps a hundred more folks promised to go by train. The cars left here at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, and made quite a procession as they wound their ways "Caddoward." All cars bore large banners advertising the Bryan County Fair to be held at Durant.

INTERESTING VISITOR

Durant housed a rather distinguished visitor Wednesday in the person of H. L. Taylor of Tennessee, a brother of the Honorable Bob Taylor, one of the greatest of all Tennesseans, and, for that matter, one of the greatest of all Americans. Mr. Taylor, like his famed brother, is pleasant, cordial and agreeable, a man of pleasing appearance and an interesting talker.

DRILLING RESUMED

Drilling was resumed this week on the Kiersey lease where the derrick was pulled in from the top accidentally last week. Mr. Wheeler reports the hole down 1600 feet and good indications.



Saturday, August 19th

19th EPISODE—

"THE IRON CLAW"

ONLY ONE MORE

MUTT & JEFF

Bud-Fishers Funny Page Cartoons in Action

The Secret of the Night

ESSANAY DRAMA

DON'T MISS THE

ORPHEUM SATURDAY PROGRAM

New Fall Goods

WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE the arrival of large new stocks of fall goods which we now have on display. Our buyer while in the east was especially fortunate in securing standard merchandise at prices regarded as right. New arrivals include Ladies' and Misses boots and shoes, suits, one piece dresses, waists, laces, trimmings, etc. and Men's and Boys clothing, shoes, hats, shirts, etc. Call in and see the new lines while they are complete. Limited space will not permit of detailed description.

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